

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-16 (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A constant velocity universal joint assembly comprising:

a constant velocity universal joint with an outer joint part in the form of a joint bell with an attached connecting journal and a radial supporting face at the joint bell at the base of the connecting journal;

a wheel hub which is slid on to the connecting journal and which, via threading, is clamped to the outer joint part, wherein the wheel hub is directly or indirectly supported on the supporting face; ~~and~~

an annular disc made of a low-friction material, which is positioned directly on the supporting face so as to be concentric relative to the connecting journal and which accommodates the clamping forces of the threading; and

bearings positioned on the wheel hub, wherein an inner bearing race of said bearings is directly axially supported on the annular disc.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously presented) A constant velocity universal joint assembly according to claim 17, wherein the annular disc comprises a cylindrical portion which starts from an outer edge of the annular disc and is positioned on the joint bell in a force-locking way.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously presented) A constant velocity universal joint assembly according to claim 17, wherein the annular disc comprises an anti-friction coating.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) A constant velocity universal joint assembly according to claim 17, wherein the annular disc comprises bronze or non-ferrous metal.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously presented) A constant velocity universal joint assembly according to claim 17, wherein the annular disc comprises plastics.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Canceled)

32. (New) A constant velocity universal joint assembly comprising:

a constant velocity universal joint with an outer joint part in the form of a joint bell with an attached connecting journal and a radial supporting face at the joint bell at the base of the connecting journal;

a wheel hub which is slid on to the connecting journal and which, via threading, is clamped to the outer joint part, wherein the wheel hub is directly or indirectly supported on the supporting face;

an annular disc made of a low-friction material, which is positioned directly on the supporting face so as to be concentric relative to the connecting journal and which accommodates the clamping forces of the threading; and

bearings positioned on the wheel hub and whose inner bearing races are axially clamped to the wheel hub by annular beading at the wheel hub, wherein the annular beading is directly axially supported at the annular disc.

33. (New) A constant velocity universal joint assembly according to claim 32, wherein the annular disc comprises a cylindrical portion which starts from an outer edge of the annular disc and is positioned on the joint bell in a force-locking way.

34. (New) A constant velocity universal joint assembly according to claim 32, wherein the annular disc comprises an anti-friction coating.

35. (New) A constant velocity universal joint assembly according to claim 32, wherein the annular disc comprises bronze or non-ferrous metal.

36. (New) A constant velocity universal joint assembly according to claim 32, wherein the annular disc comprises plastics.